## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department Certain allegations against Sri P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam (now retired) – Prosecuted Departmental proceedings under Rule 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 – Imposition of punishment as 10 % cut in pension permanently – Concurrence of the Commission – Final orders issued- Reg.

#### **REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT**

<u>G.O.Rt.829.</u> <u>Dated: 26.05.2012.</u>

Read the following:-

- 1. Govt. Memo.No.22247/Vig.VI (1)/1998-1, dated: 10.06.1998.
- 2. G.O.Rt.No.1490, Revenue (Vig.VI) Department, dated: 15.09.1998.
- 3. G.O.Rt.No.1492, Revenue (Vig.VI) Department, dated: 15.09.1998.
- 4. From Sri P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub-Registrar, Visakhapatnam (now retired) explanation dated: 26.11.1998.
- 5. G.O.Rt.No.1302, Revenue (Vig.VI) Department, dated: 25.09.2000
- 6. REO report received in Lr.No.E1/1382/98, dated: 28.06.2002.
- 7. Govt. Memo.No.22247/Vig.VI (1)/1998, dated: 09.09.2002.
- 8. From Sri P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub-Registrar, Visakhapatnam (now retired) Representation dated: 16.12.2002.
- 9. Govt. Memo.No.22247/Vig.VI (1)/1998-7, dated: 17.07.2003.
- 10. From Sri P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub-Registrar, Visakhapatnam (now retired) Representation dated: 20.08.2003.
- 11. From the Secretary, APPSC, A.P., Hyderabad Lr.No.7555/RT/3/2012, dated: 02.04.2012.

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#### **ORDER:**

Where as the following charges were framed against Sri P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam (now retired) vide G.O.Rt.No.1492, Revenue (Regn.I) Department, dated

#### Charge-I:

That Sri P.Subramanyam, former Sub Registrar (Retired) while functioning as Sub Registrar, Sub Registrar Office, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam District during the period August, 1996 has registered Doc.Nos.994, 999, 1000 and 1001 of 1996 affecting an extent of Ac.10.00 cents out of a total extent of Ac.16.40 cents in old Sy.No.146 and Revised Sy.No.162 of Merakavalasa, H/o.Paradesipalem. Though the land was classified as Merakacheruvu (a Tank Poramboku) in Settlement Register as well as in the Market Value Guidelines Register, the documents were registered. There is deliberate omission on his part in allowing registration inspite of clear and conclusive proof that it is the Government land. When the court decree authorities him to register only Ac.2.75 cents, he had registered in collusion with the parties three Doc.Nos.994/96, 999/96, 1000/96 and 1001/96 affecting an extent of Ac.10.00, which is far in excess of court decree by Ac.7.25 cents. Barring the Ac.2.75 cents declared as "Patta Land" by the District Munisiff Court, Bhimunipatnam, he was instrumental in registering Ac.7.25 cents of Government land affecting Sy.No.146/162 of Paradesipalem. Therefore, he intentionally registered Government land to an extent of Ac.7.25 cents under the pretext of court decree.

#### Charge-II:

When the said land effected by Doc.Nos.994/96, 999/96, 1000/96 and 1001/96 pertains to old Sy.No.146/R.S.No.161 of Paradesipalem classified as "Poramboku" as per the Settlement Register kept under the safe custody of District Registrar, Visakhapatnam, he ought to have kept the documents pending and solicited clarification from the District Registrar, Visakhapatnam. Instead, he straight away registered the lands though it is classified as "Cheruvu" in the Basic Register of Paradesipalem, as enough indication to any prudent officer to seek clarification from the Competent Authority.

### Charge-III:

As revealed in the enquiry a caution board is in existence warning that it is Government land and trespassers will be prosecuted, with letters inscribed as "This is Government land. Trespassers will be prosecuted – Mandal Revenue Officer (Rural), Visakhapatnam". Had the spot inspection made by him was faithfully conducted the very fact of existence of Caution Board would have come to light and thereby the Government land would have been protected. But, willfully ignoring the Caution Board, he straightaway registered the documents.

- 2. Whereas in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Accused Officer has submitted his Written Defence Statement denying the charges stating that according to list of assigned lands and Government lands supplied by Mandal Revenue Officers, these survey numbers will be "rounded off" by the Sub Registrar's concerned in the Market Value Basic Registers. In the present case, R.S.No.162 of Paradesipalem village was noted as "Cheruvu" only in the Market Value Basic Register and Rs.1,00,000/- per acre was fixed. The R.S.No.162 was not "rounded off" in the Basic Register. Hence, he felt doubt as to whether it is a private tank or a public tank. The parties clarified that it is not a tank but patta dry land. They furnished a copy of decree delivered by the District Munsiff, Bheemunipatnam in O.S.No.80/94, dated 18.03.1996 filed by Sri Duvvu Appalaswamy (Plaintiff). The Plaintiff was granted Ac.2.75 cents and permanent injuction was granted to him. The Court held it as "dry land" and not "tank". Therefore, he thought that it was copying mistake in the basic register.
- 3. After examination of the written Statement of defence submitted by the Charged Officer, a regular inquiry was ordered by appointing Sri A.Narayana, Deputy Inspector General (I/c), Registration & Stamps Department, Visakhapatnam as Inquiring Authority in this case vide G.O.Rt.No.1302, Revenue (Regn.I) Department, dated 25.09.2000 to conduct an enquiry into the matter.
- 4. The Regular Enquiry Officer after due inquiry into the charges has submitted his findings holding that the charges proved against the Charged Officer.
- 5. After examining the issue, and accepting the finding of the enquiry officer for the reasons given in report, it was provisionally decided to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension permanently against P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam and a show cause notice issued accordingly.
- 6. In reply to the show cause notice the co has reiterated his contention what he has stated in the statement of defence submitted to the charges and also before Regular Enquiry Officer and requested the Government to drop further action against him.
- 7. And where as the Government after careful examination of the matter observed that it is very obvious that the said land registered by the Charged retired Sub Registrar was shown as "Cheruvu" land in the list of Government lands. Even if the Charged Officer felt a doubt whether the land is a private land or public tank, as stated in his explanation, he should have approached Revenue Department (concerned M.R.O) to clear the doubt who supplies such information. But instead of it, he adopted a very convenient trick by asking the parties to clarify as if private people have to decide whether a piece of land is Government land or patta land. The above action of the Sub Registrar was clearly intended to defeat Government Order and facilitate registration of the said land with a view to help the parties. It is also further seen that the Charged Officer was fully aware of the Court Order in O.S.No.80/94, dated 18.03.1996 for registration of only Ac.2.75 of land. Ms.No.146. Yet the Charged Officer went ahead to register entire extent of Acs.10.00 making a very convenient use of the Court order for part of the land without referring or discussing such doubtful case with the concerned Mandal Revenue Officer. Hence the explanation of the Charged Officer needs no consideration.
- 8. Government have finally decided to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently on Sri P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam (now retired) as the Charged Officer's explanation is not convincing and accordingly the charges are held proved in consultation with Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission in its letter 11<sup>th</sup> read above has agreed to the above proposals.
- 9. Government therefore hereby ordered to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension permanently on Sri P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam (now retired) for the irregularities committed by him.
- 10. The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps Department, AP, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary further action accordingly in the matter.

# M.SAHOO PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P.Subrahmanyam, former Sub Registrar, Madhurawada, Visakhapatnam (now retired).

(through D.I.G., R & S, Visakhapatnam)

The Commissioner and Inspector General,

Registration & Stamps Department, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Inspector General,

Registration & Stamps Department, Visakhapatnam, D.No.50-50-35/10, Gurucharan Marg, Balaji Hills,

Beside Red Convent, Seethammadhara, Visakhapatnam.

The District Treasury Officer, Visakhapatnam.

## Copy to:

 $\label{thm:commission} \mbox{The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.}$ 

The Secretary,

Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, AP, Hyderabad.

 $\mbox{P.S}$  to the Principal Secretary to Government (R & S). CC.

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**SECTION OFFICER**